

## REMARKS

In response to the Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments.

### Discussion of Objection to the Specification

The specification has been objected to because of informalities. A recitation “an gap changing mechanism” in the specification at page 10, line 11 has been replaced with “a gap changing mechanism” as the Examiner suggested. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

### Discussion of Objection to Claims

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 12-23 have been objected to because of informalities.

A recitation “characterized by” in Claim 1 has been deleted as the Examiner instructed.

A recitation “an gap” in Claims 2 and 5 have been objected to. Claim 2 has been canceled. The recitations in Claim 5 have been replaced with “a gap” as the Examiner suggested.

A recitation “comprising” in Claims 5, 6, and 13-17 have been objected to. The Examiner suggested replacing the recitation with “further comprising”. As Claim 6 does not contain the recitation and Claim 7 does, the recitations in Claim 5, 7, and 13-17 have been replaced with “further comprising”.

A recitation “characterized in that” in Claims 8 and 18-23 has been objected to. Claims 8, 19, 20, and 22 have been canceled. The recitation in Claims 18, 21, and 23 has been replaced with “wherein” as the Examiner suggested.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

### Discussion of Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 19, 20, and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Stefan et al. (XP-002561711). Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims are allowable over Stefan, as discussed below.

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As amended herein, the subject matter of Claim 2, which has not been rejected on this ground, has been incorporated into Claim 1. Therefore, Claim 1 should not be rejected on this ground either. Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

#### Discussion of Patentability of Dependent Claims

Claims 3 and 4 depend from Claim 1, and further define additional technical features of the present invention. In view of the patentability of their base claims, and in further view of the additional technical features, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 3 and 4 are patentable over the prior art. The rest of the rejected claims have been canceled.

#### Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 5, 7, 9, 12-18, 21, and 23 have been found to be allowable if re-written in independent form.

As described above, Claim 2 has been incorporated to Claim 1 which the claim depends from. Claims 5, 7, 9, 14, 15, and 17 have been re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits Claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 14, 15, and 17 are patentable over the prior art.

As amended herein, Claims 12, 13, 16, 18, 21, and 23 depend from base Claim 1, 5, or 7, and further define additional technical features of the present invention. In view of the patentability of their base claims, and in further view of the additional technical features, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 12, 13, 16, 18, 21, and 23 are patentable over the prior art.

### **CONCLUSION**

In the light of the applicant's amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

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No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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